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I. ORGANIZATION

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No 1 Refrigerators

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No 2 Single railroad track in front of the refrigerator.

No 3 The pier is being repaired at that place.

No 4 Two cranes of Russian origin; these cranes are 3½ tons electric ones, one rails.

No 5 Six 3-ton [ ] cranes on rails.

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No 6 2 cranes for lifting coals (crane-bridges). They are electrical cranes and move on rails along the pier.

II. FLOATING EQUIPMENT OF THE PORT

No 7 One large dredger which was moved by its own propelling engine.

III. SHIPS IN PORT

Merchant ships

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No 9 One 9,000 tons modern white Russian liner, which had one smoke stack and 4-5 decks. [ ]

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No 10 Two Russian cargo boats, one of 10,000 tons and the other of 5,000 tons approximately. They were empty [redacted]

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No 11 Position where the [redacted] loaded coal, destination [redacted]

No 12 One Rumanian white liner. [redacted] this must have been probably the TRANSYLVANIA\*.

No 13 One Russian LIBERTY. [redacted]

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War ships

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No 14 Three destroyers, modern and similar one with the other. [redacted]

a) Smoke stack, b) one tower at the prow and one at the stern equipped with twin 4" guns, g) 10 antiaircraft guns, d) one semi-circular RADAR, compact, antenna.

No 15 Position at which 10 coast guard vessels were bound by the stern to an anchorage outside the port.

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No 16 One tug belonging to the Navy and one ancient type cruiser, lightly armed. [redacted]

These vessels (destroyer and cruiser) sailed off on [redacted] in the afternoon for an unknown destination [redacted]

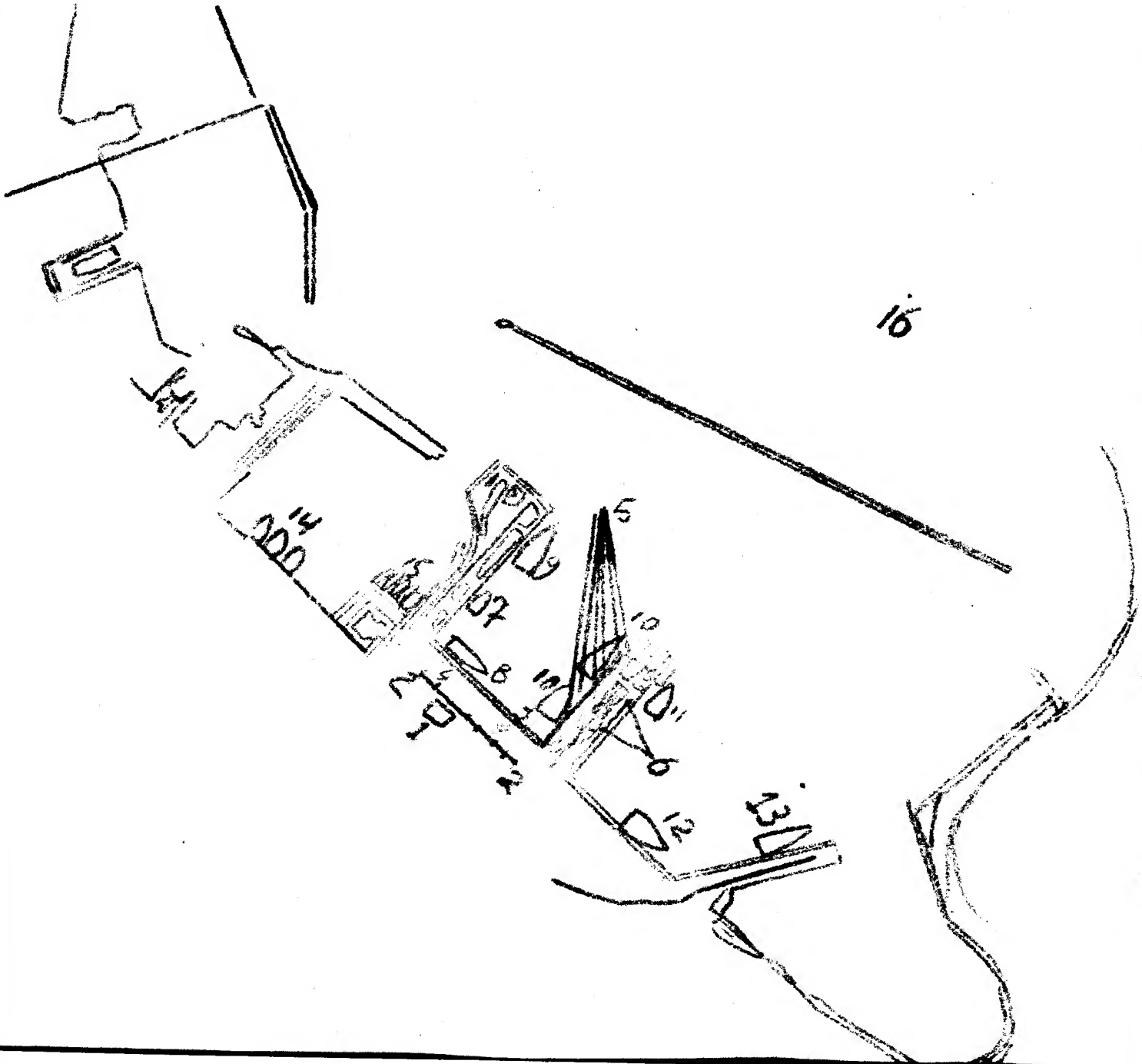
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I. ORGANIZATION

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No 1 SILO installations

No 2 SILO installations

No 3 The INFLOT Offices

No 4 Useless SILO.

No 5 Power Station .

No 6 Power sub station.

No 7 14 electric cranes on rails, of a lifting capacity of 5,10, 15, and 16 tons.

No 8 One pier 1,200 ft. long approximately on which were stocks of coal and anthracite and rail pieces of 25 meters long waiting to be loaded. There is one large warehouse at point a of the pier.

No 9 One 1,00 ft. approximately long pier. On it are stocks of coal piled ready for loading.

No 10 At this position there were boxes which probably contained motor

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cars. Also some other boxes probably destined for ALBANIA

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No 11 The whole place, from point b to point g, is covered with metal parts, -that is bands, pipes, asix trucks, tractors- 5 tons trucks, tractors, and boxes containing various machinery. Many new 5 tons cars were observed in this position, as well as Russian jeeps.

## II. SHIPS IN PORT

### (a) Merchant ships

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No 14 Two whale-fishing ships.

No 15 Place of the old American cargo boat the "IZORA"; this ship was hauled up and is being repaired. ✓

No 16 Place of the JOSEPH STALIN Russian tanker; the ship is being repaired.

No 17 Place of one Russian cargo boat the KALININ; the ship is probably being taken to pieces. ✓

No 18 Place of one Bulgaria steamer, the RODINA of 4,000 tons approximately, which was loading miscellaneous machinery. On its deck tractors, bulldozers and dredging machinery were observed.

No 19 Position where one Russian cargo boat, the "MARSHALL TOLBUHIN" was loading boxes destined for [redacted] fairs.

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No 20 One Russian steamer, the "KIM".

No 21 Place of one ship of unknown identity which was loading coal

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[REDACTED]

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No 22 Place of two 4,000 tons tankers, probably disarmed.

No 23 One Russian steamer of unknown identity loading citrus fruits  
destination [REDACTED].

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(b) War ships

No 362 submarine was observed on the 17th of June 1954, getting  
out of the port.

III. FLOATING EQUIPMENT OF THE PORT

No 25 Place

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No 26 [REDACTED] all along the breakwater and  
during all the time he stayed there, that there were river ships  
and cargo boats attached.

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I. ORGANIZATION

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No 1 Port entrance beacons

No 2 SILO installations

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No 3 Warehouses

No 4 Five (5) cranes on tracks. The railway line runs behind these cranes.

No 5 Pier on which coal stocks are piled. On neither side of the pier there runs a railway line. On its north side three cranes on tracks were observed.

No 6 Dock along which the following were observed:

- (a) Three cranes on tracks
- (b) Some new four-storied warehouses
- (c) Old two-storied warehouses
- (d) An open space surrounded by a wire fence in which were old G.M.C. (sic.) American cars.
- (e) Police guard post.
- (f) One power generating factory for the Port.

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No 7 Pier on which there are coal and wood stocks. On its South-East side there are six (6) cranes on tracks. Crane (a) has a 20 tons lifting capacity, cranes (b) have a 15 tons lifting capacity and cranes (g) a 5 tons lifting capacity.

On the pier there are also two railroad lines and two one-storied warehouses.

No 8 Two cranes on tracks

No 9 Tarr stocks in containers.

No 10 A four-storied new building

## II. SHIPS IN PORT

### (a) Merchant ships

No 11 One Russian ship waiting to be loaded.

No 12 One tanker

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No 13 One cargo boat

No 14 Position of one Russian ship of unknown identity.

No 15 Position of one Russian ship of unknown identity.

No 16 Position of ship of unknown identity.

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No 17 Position of one Russian ship of unknown identity.

No 18. One Russian ship in the act of loading coal.

No 19 One Russian steamer, the "VOCTOK", in the act of loading G.M.C. (sic.) cars.

No 20 One Russian ship of unknown identity.

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No 21 Position where one ship of unknown identity was loading coal.

No 22 Position where cargo boat was loading coal

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No 23

No 24 One Russian liner

No 25 One Russian liner

No 26 One Rumanian liner

(b) War ships

No 27 Stationed within the port, in the South Basis, twelve small ships belonging to the Navy were observed.

No 28 One destroyer moored alongside the waterbreaker.

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In the evening of the 24/7/54 two cruisers and 4 destroyers threw anchor in the Port.

On the evening of the same day the ships were illuminated. It must obviously have been some Nautical feast because a number of people was assembled on the coast. These ships sailed off on the morning of 26/7/54.

III. FLOATING EQUIPMENT OF THE PORT

No 29 Floating dry-dock.

No 30 Floating dry-dock.

Out of these two dry-docks mentioned above the one was in the port of CHERSON and has been recently towed in the port of ODESSA.

No 31 Floating crane.

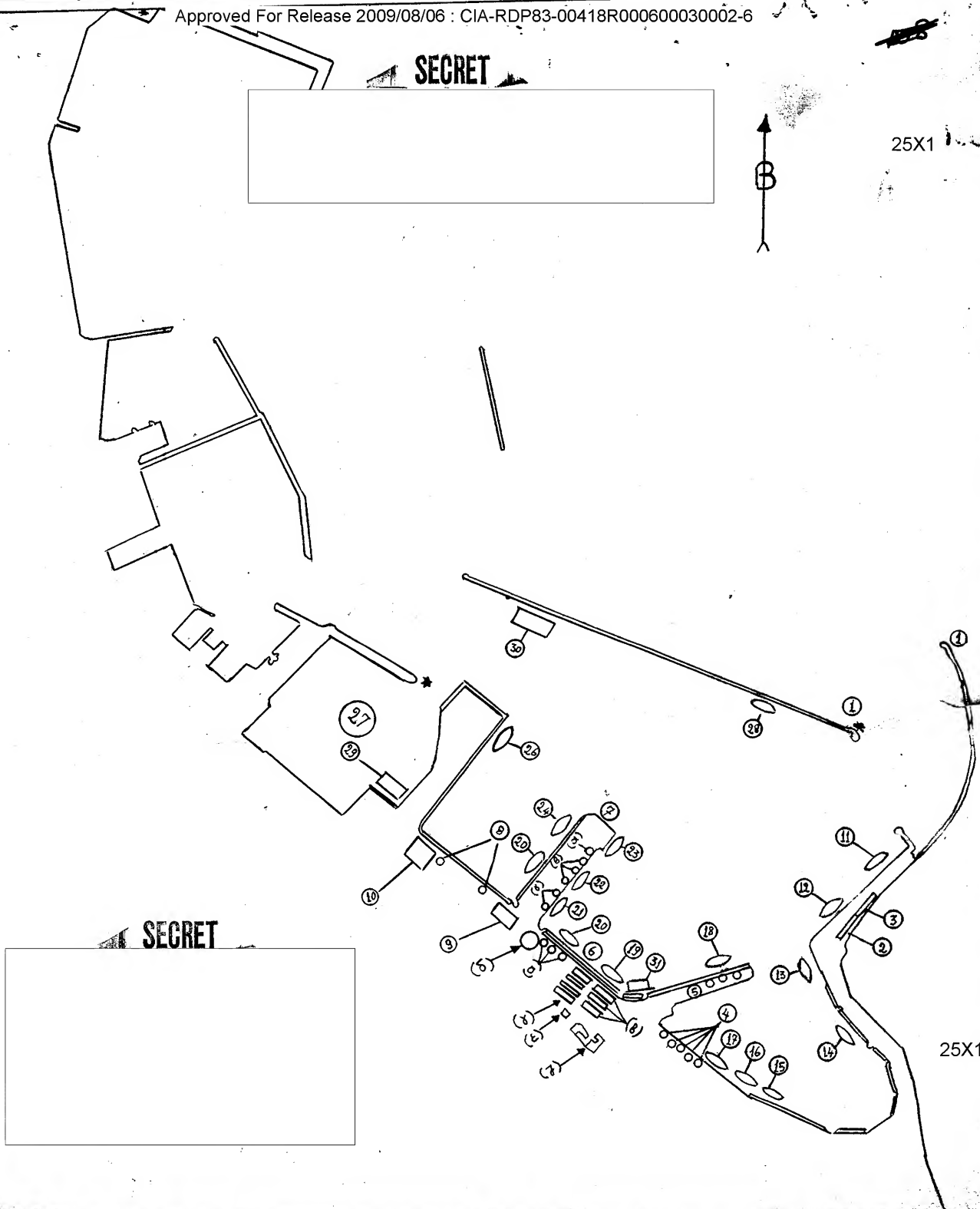
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I. ORGANIZATION

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No 1 One two-storied building on the second floor of which the INFLOT (sic.) offices are located, having already moved in it. The former premises of the INFLOT are at present sheltering the Port Services.

No II SHIPS IN PORT

(a) Merchant ships

No 2 One Russian cargo boat of unknown identity, being repaired.

No 3 Three (3) old Russian cargo boats, moored alongside, and being repaired.  
Probably these were ships which had been wrecked and then hauled up.

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[redacted] un/  
No 5 One old Russian cargo boat which was loading coal.

No 6

No 7 One Russian cargo boat, the "BELORUSSIA", which was loading coal.

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(b) War ships

No 10 An unknown number of small vessels, belonging to the Navy, was observed in the South Basis area.

No 11 One liner which was used as a Navy School. Drills were held were carried out on that ship. For the occupation of position. Between the 1st and 2nd of December? 1954 one tow boat of some 300 tons came from the direction of the North; it was towing two Russian landing-ships -which had a bridge on the stern- and four small torpedo boats. Another tow boat of unknown identity arrived in the Port on the morning of the [redacted], coming from the direction of the East and towing 25X1 three landing ships of some 300 tons each.

III. FLOATING EQUIPMENT OF THE PORT

No 12 One floating dock on which one small destroyer was observed which was being repaired.

No 13 Two floating docks; on one a cargo boat of unknown identity being repaired was observed, on the other one tanker of unknown identity was also being repaired.

(See attached plan).

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I. ORGANIZATION

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No 1 Coal stocks

No 2 Many merchandises were observed laying in these places: iron ware, iron rails, bridge machinery and boxes which contained miscellaneous merchandises.

II. SHIPS IN PORT

(a) Merchant ships

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No 3 One tanker of about 16,000 tons

was under repair.

No 4 One Russian tanker, the "JOSEPH STALIN" of some 18,000 tons, being repaired.

No 5 One Russian cargo boat under repair.

No 6 Two Russian cargo boats being repaired.

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No 7 Two other Russian cargo boats each of 10,000 - 12,000 tons approximately; both being repaired. It is probable that these ships had been hauled up after they were wrecked.

No 8 One Bulgarian cargo boat of about 1,000 tons in the process of loading miscellaneous merchandise such as iron rails, iron ware, boxes etc, destination BULGARIA.

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No 9

No 10 One cargo boat whose identity is not known in the act of loading coal.

No 11 One [ ] cargo boat [ ] in the act of 25X1  
loading coal [ ] it loaded a total of 2,000 tons  
approximately.

No 12 One [ ] cargo boat of unknown identity waiting to load  
coal.

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(b) War ships

No 13 A three-mat Russian training ship

No 14 Four (4) Russian mine sweepers each of 500 tons approximately.

No 15 One old Russian cruiser under the marks 17 which had two chimneys. There are no other data. (See attached plan).

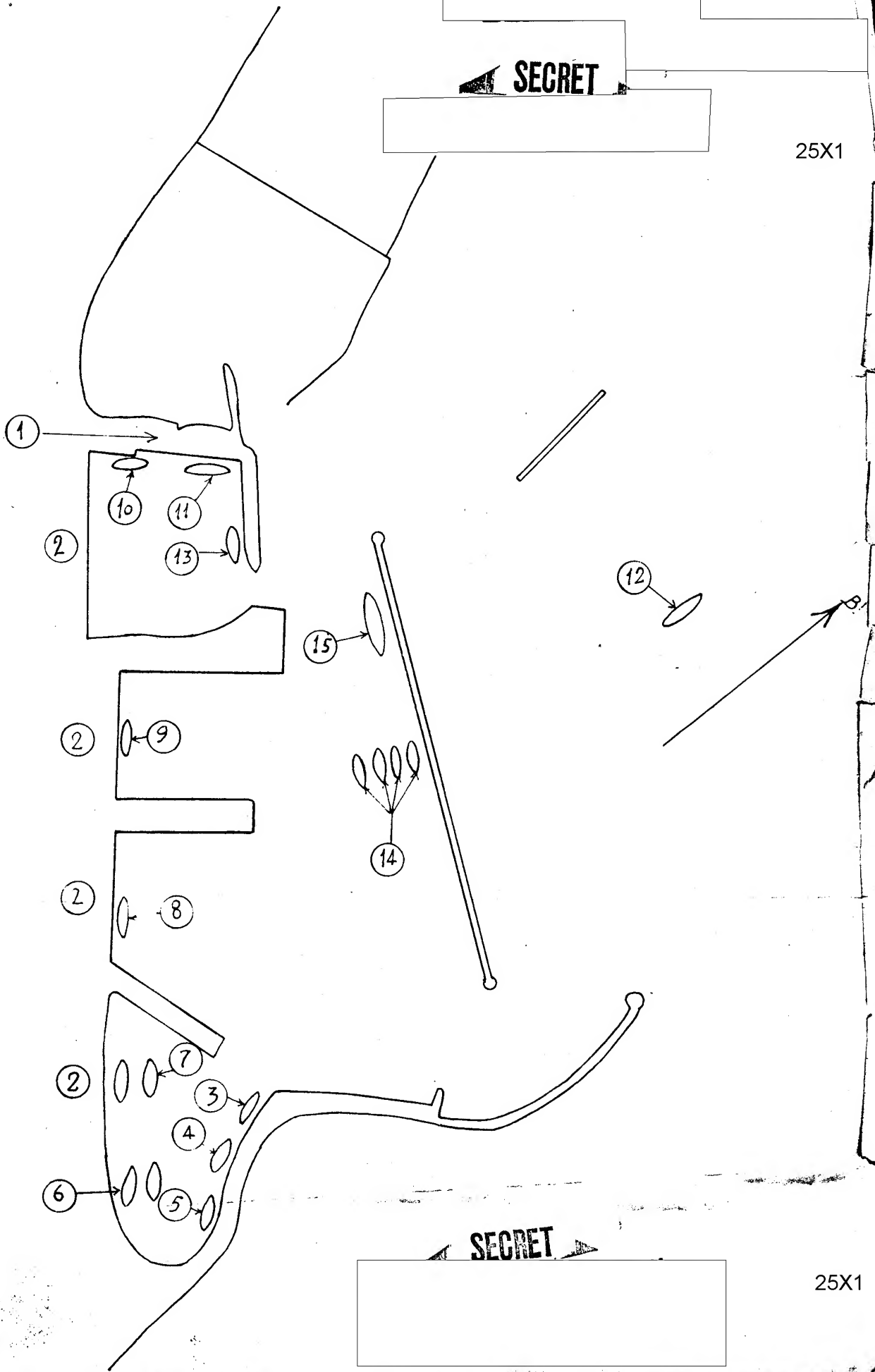
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THE FOLLOWING OF FOREIGN SHIPS

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1. All foreign ships that go towards the port of ODESSA, are followed from the territorial waters of the FIDONISSI island until they are about one mile far from the Port, by two coast guard vessels armed with a small machine-gun and equipped by strong search lights.
2. All the stretch of sea, from the island of FIDONISSI up to KHERION bay is constantly guarded by one destroyer and two coast guard vessels.

MERCHANT SHIPS IN PORT

3. Two (2) steamers [redacted] of 8,000 tons each, which were in the act of unloading printing paper [redacted] 25X1  
One of them, after it finished unloading, started loading plywood, glass panes, black caviar, and tin-food boxes. 25X1  
One ship of about 10,000 tons, [redacted] which was loading coals [redacted]  
Seven (7) vessels [redacted] which were loading coals & rails.

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ORGANIZATION

(a) Cranes

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1. Four (4) electric cranes moving on rails, of a (6) tons lifting capacity. At this spot
2. Three (3) electric cranes, moving on rails, of an 16 tons lifting capacity.
3. Five (5) electric cranes, moving on rails, of an 18 tons lifting capacity.
4. Two (2) floating elevators, used for the loading-unloading of cereals.

(b) Warehouses

5. One one-storied warehouse; the floor of this warehouse is 1,50 meter higher than the dock's surface. Behind this warehouse there is one underground warehouse, which has on either side a sloping entrance.
6. Two one-storied warehouses used to store merchandise.

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7. One three-storied warehouse which has also a cellar. Each one of the warehouses floors has a cement shelter on which the cranes put the merchandises.

(c) Works under construction

8. The repairs at the end of the pier are terminated. A wooden dock on stakes, 3-4 meters, was constructed all along the edge of the pier.

MERCHANT SHIPS

9. One Bulgarian cargo boat whose color was white and its identity unknown.
10. Six (6) whale-fishing boats.
11.
12.
13. One Russian 10,000 tons cargo boat, of unknown identity, in the act of loading coal.

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FLOATING EQUIPMENT

15. One ice breaker and other miscellaneous floating equipment of the harbor.
16. Two tow-boats in operation.
17. Six (6) shleps used for the supply of ships with petroleum. (See inclosed plan).

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1. The following naval units were recognized at the Port of ODESSA [REDACTED] 25X1

(a) a light cruiser [REDACTED] 25X1

(b) an ex-Italian destroyer (of the ARTIGLIERE class) flying [REDACTED] 25X1

(c) Four newly built destroyers (probably of the GORDI class) [REDACTED] 25X1

(d) Two 3-mast training vessels (f.d.u.). [REDACTED] 25X1

2. The vessels of this naval strength were anchored along the Port about a mile away from the shore. The crews were using motor-boats to get ashore. [REDACTED] 25X1

3. [REDACTED] the a/m naval units comprised a Squadron of the Russian Navy of the Black Sea which was participating in the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War of Crimea.

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1. One dock of about 600 feet long along which the tankers come to be 25X1 loaded. The greater part of this dock is build out of wood. The depth of the water along it is 31 feet. 25X1  
There are 10 underground pipes running along this dock, which are directly connected with the fuel tanks. Six of these pipes are 12" ones and their plug is painted black; the other four are 8" pipes and they have red-painted plugs.
- 2-3. Dock s alongside of which smaller tanker come to be moored in order to load or unload fuels. The pipes ending in place (1) branch off in these places -2 and 3- distributing all types of fuels from gasoline to FUEL-OIL (sic.)
4. One permanent tank for small ships.
5. One shipyard which has but a small output.
- 7-8-9-10. Docks alongside of which ships come to be moored for the purpose of loading and unloading.
11. Docks alongside of which liners come to ge moored.
12. Positions of ships waiting to be loaded.

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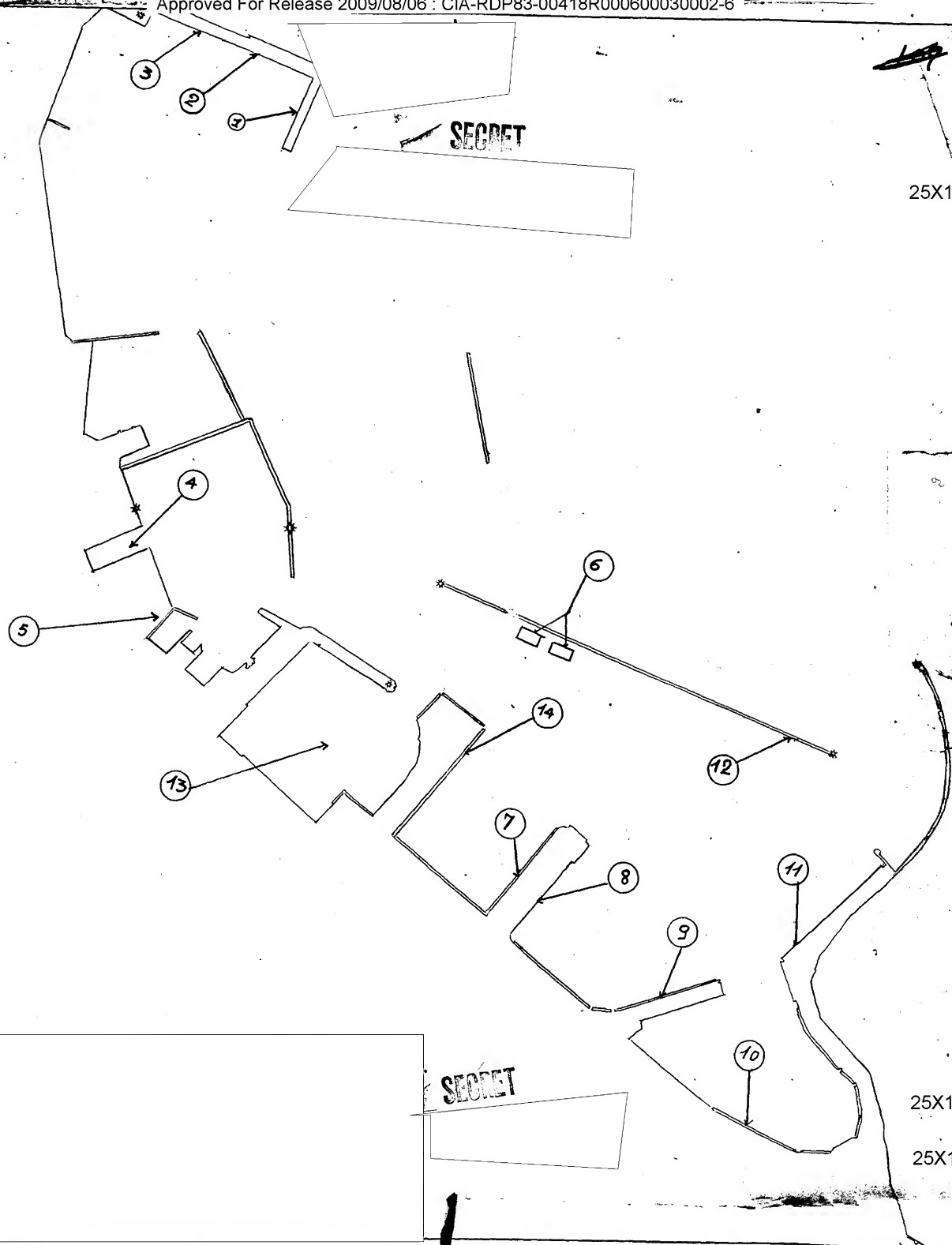
WAR SHIPS

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- 13 Several small units such as mine layers, torpedo boats etc. were observed moored in the basin.
- 14 Three (3) destroyers were moored alongside the pier. During the Informant present there they left the port in formation probably for target practice, since a large target ~~practice~~ was being towed ahead of the ships. The destroyers returned to the Port the next day.

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1. Two electric cranes on rails, of 15 tons lifting capacity.
2. One 20 tons electric crane which had the number 18.
3. Three (3) 15 tons each cranes on rails, which had the numbers, 25, 26, and 27 on them.
4. Coal stocks.

SHIPS

(a) Merchant ships

5. [redacted] cargo boat of unknown identity which was actually loading coal. . 25X1

6. [redacted]

7. One Russian liner, which was white and had two smoke stacks.

(b) War ships

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One destroyer was observed in the port; it was a ship which was old, it had two smoke-stacks [redacted]

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MERCHANT SHIPS

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1. One Russian cargo boat, the "NICOLAEV", waiting to get loaded.
2. One Russian cargo boat, the "RITA", actually loading timber for KASPIA (sic.).
3. One Russian cargo boat of some 8,000 tons D.W. which was loading a miscellaneous cargo. 25X1
4. [redacted]
5. One Russian cargo boat, about 7,000 tons D.W. which was loading until 02.00 hrs. on 5/12/54 military motor vehicles on its deck among which Hospital equipment was also included [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] the ship was to sail off for ALBANIA. 25X1
6. One "LIBERTY" Russian ship which was loading coal.
7. One Bulgarian cargo boat, the BULGARIA, which was loading coal.
8. One Russian cargo boat, the "TULA", of some 7,000 tons D.W. actually unloading a miscellaneous cargo.

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MANOEUVERS OF UNITS

At about 01.00 hrs. on the 2nd of December 1954, 3-4 war ships were observed six mile far from the "FIDONISI" island, executing manoeuvres despite the bad weather which prevailed. Signals were sent out by light and search lights were observed. Four-to five miles far from these ships 4-5 war ships were observed, participating in these manoeuvres. The time of observation and the unfavorable weather conditions did not permit the Source to get more details. (See attached Plan).

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